

ABSTRACT

SPEECH PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

A computer system is provided including a control module 20 and data collection module 22 which generate user interfaces enabling a user to identify a vocabulary and a number of speakers from whom utterances are to be obtained. The data collection module 22 then co-ordinates the collection of utterance data for the words in the vocabulary from these speakers and stores the data in a speaker database 24. When a satisfactory set of utterances have been collected the utterances are passed to a model generation module 25 which generates a speech model using the utterances. The speech model is stored by the model generation module 25 in a model database 26. The generated model stored within the model database 26 can then be tested using a testing module 27 and other utterances stored within the speaker database 24. If the performance of the model is unsatisfactory further or different utterances can be used to generate new models for storage within the model database 26. When a speech model is determined to be satisfactory the control module 20 can invoke the output module 28 to output a copy of the model.

Figure 2